

REMARKS

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1 and 4-8 drawn to a process of preparing a compound of formula I.

Claim Amendments

The claims are amended above to make the claims of the present application consistent with the above election. Thus, non-elected claims 2-3 and 9-29 have been cancelled, without waiver or prejudice to Applicants' right to prosecute the subject matter thereof in one or more divisional applications.

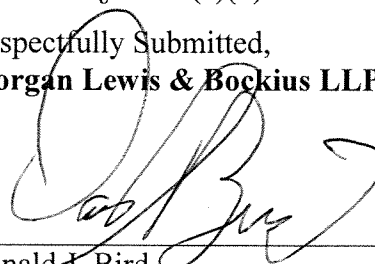
Dependent claims 4-8 have been amended to with respect to a minor formality, to refer to "The" process of claim 1 rather than "A" process of claim 1. This amendment is not intended to, and in fact does not, change the scope of these claims in any respect.

Conclusion

Inasmuch as the restriction requirement has been fully complied with and the claims have been amended to be consistent therewith, an early and favorable Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Director is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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